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In re the Application of:

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, setting a shortened statutory period for response expiring on June 27, 2002. However, because this response is being mailed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, the applicant respectfully requests receipt of an Advisory Action in the event a Notice of Allowance is not forthcoming.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 4 and 13-15, and insert new claims 16-17 as follows:

4. (Amended) The centrifuge of claim 16, further comprising:  
a top collar and a bottom collar; and  
a frame supporting said housing for rotation of said arm within said frame, said frame coupled to said housing at said top collar and at said bottom collar.

13. (Amended) The centrifuge of claim 16 further comprising:  
a concentrically innermost tube;